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KC MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS, ORDERED TO PAY \$10,000 FINE FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Xavier A. Cervantes, 43, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Orlie D. Smith this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Cervantes** to pay a \$10,000 fine.

On May 17, 2005, **Cervantes** pleaded guilty to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Cervantes** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Oct. 24, 2004.

Cervantes was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 4, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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